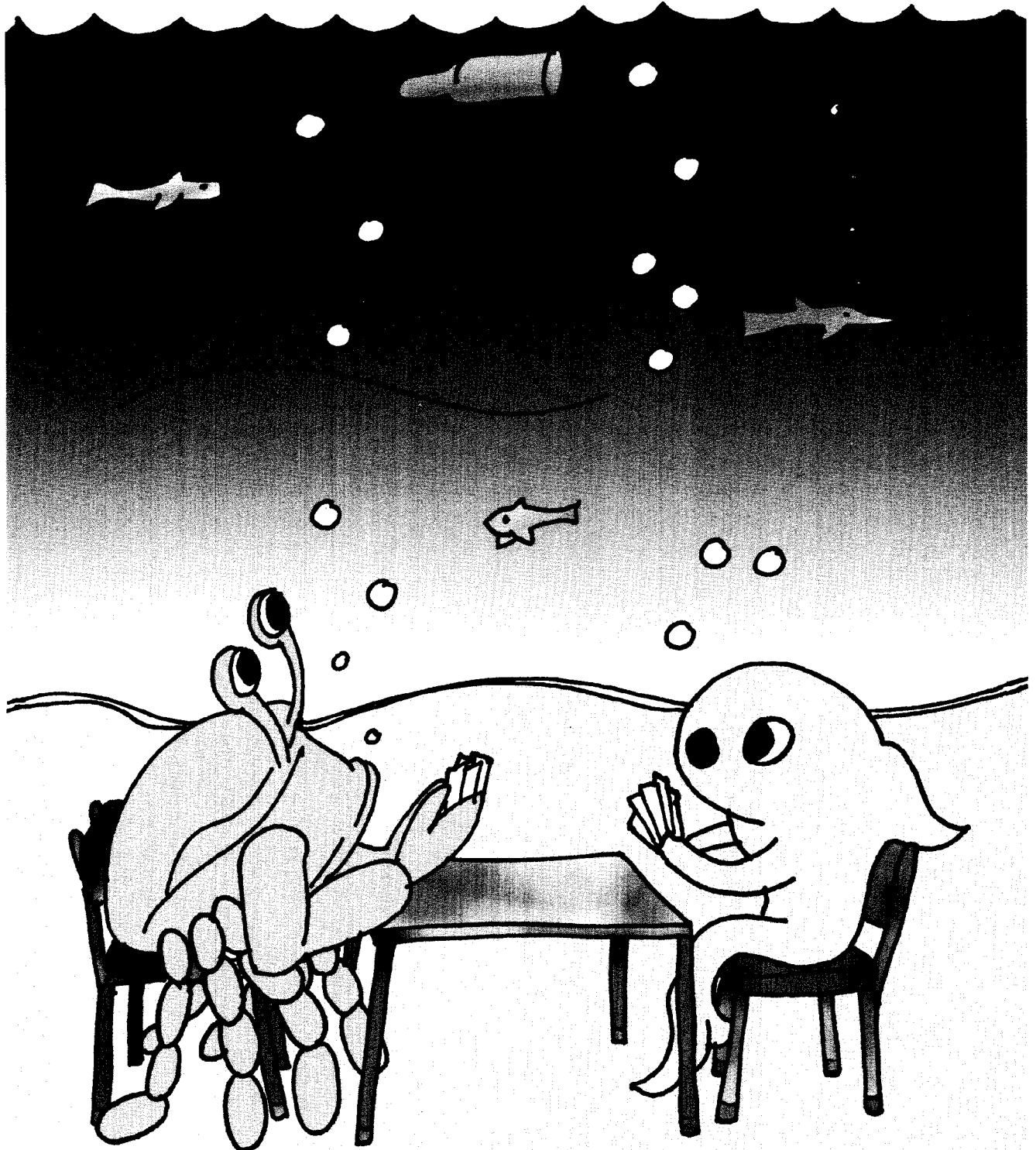
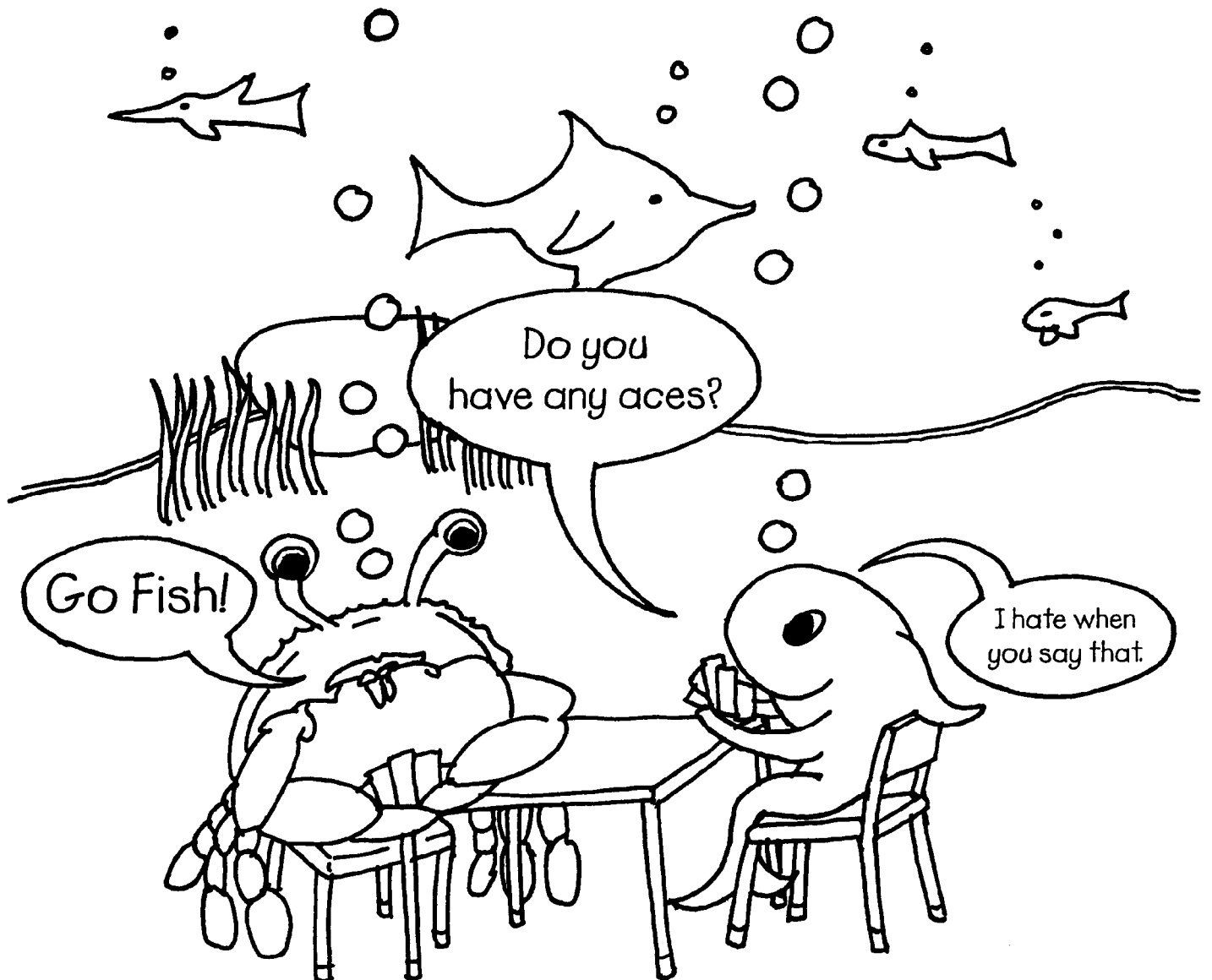


Fred and Curtis

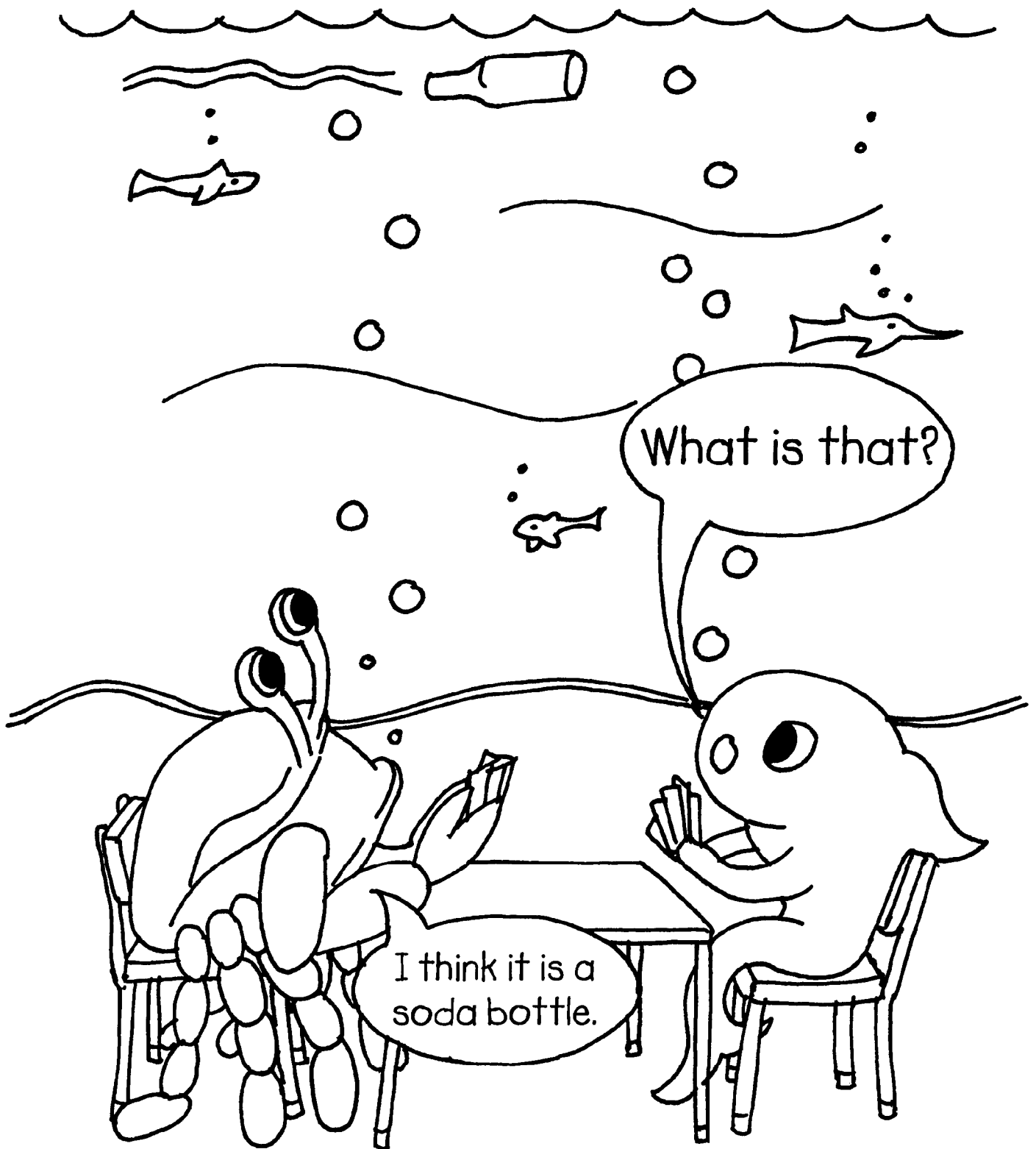
# "The Mystery of the Bottle"



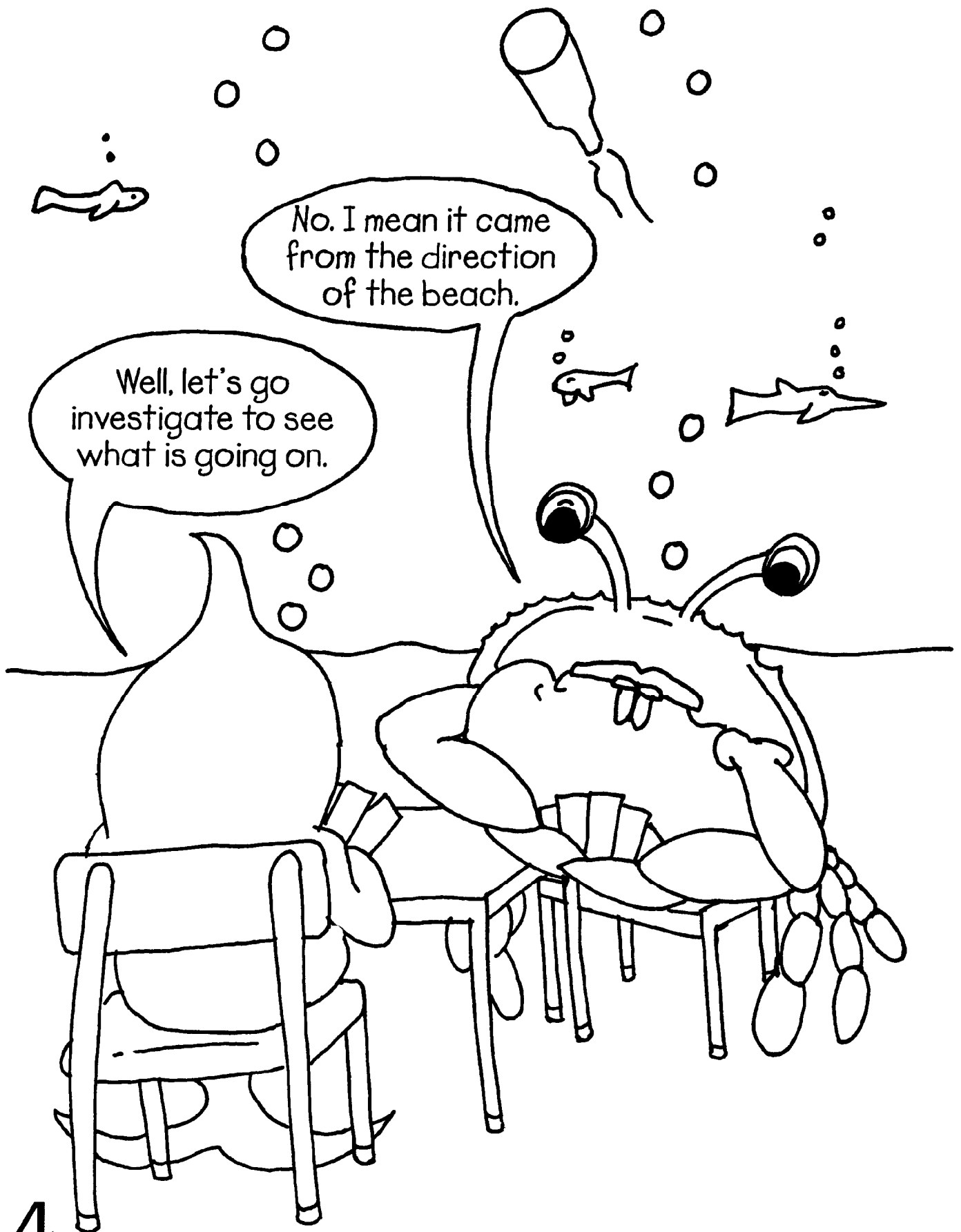
It was another great day on the ocean floor  
for Curtis the Crab and his best friend,  
Fred the Fish. They were playing  
their daily game of cards...



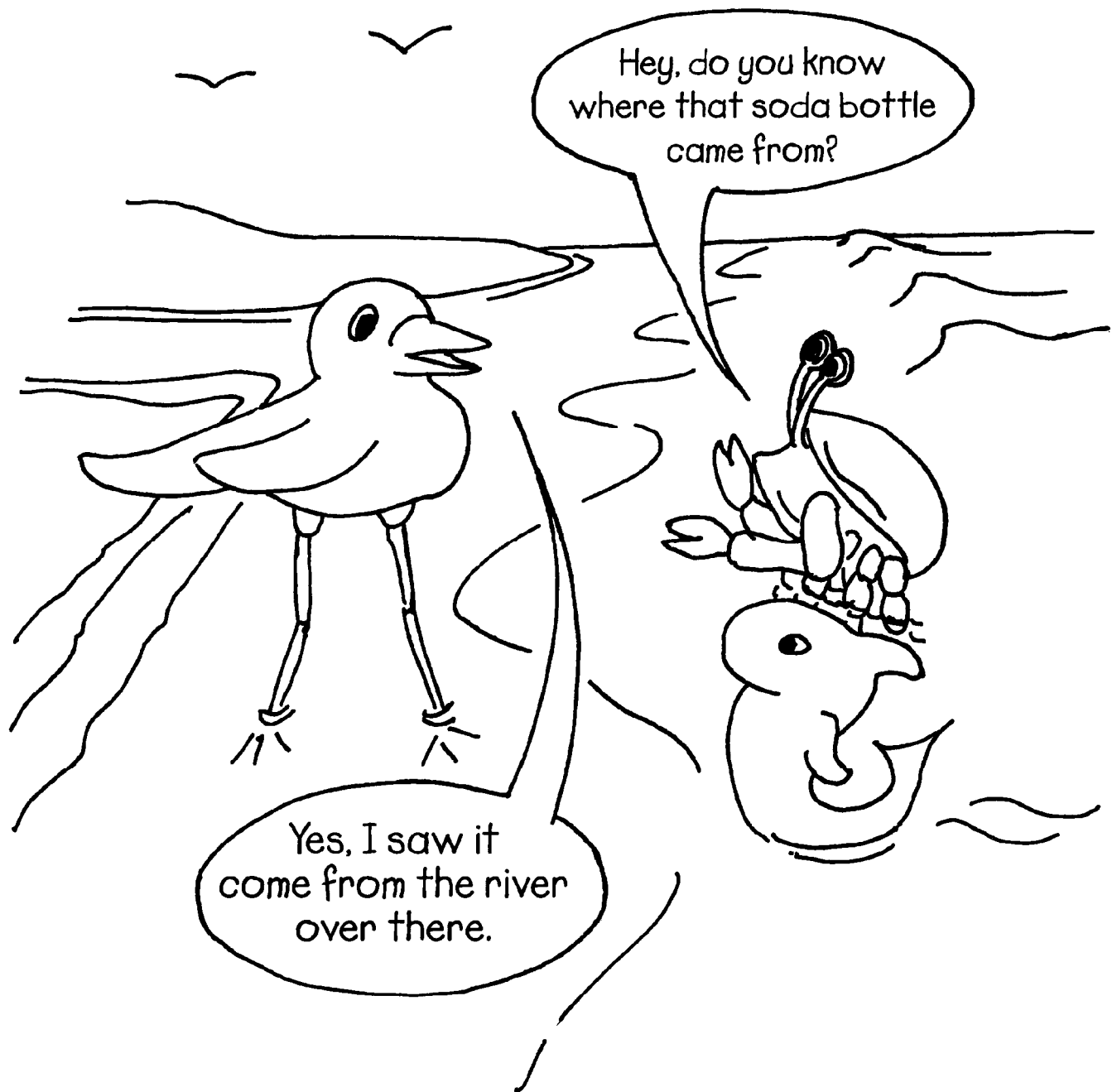
when Fred spotted a soda bottle floating by.



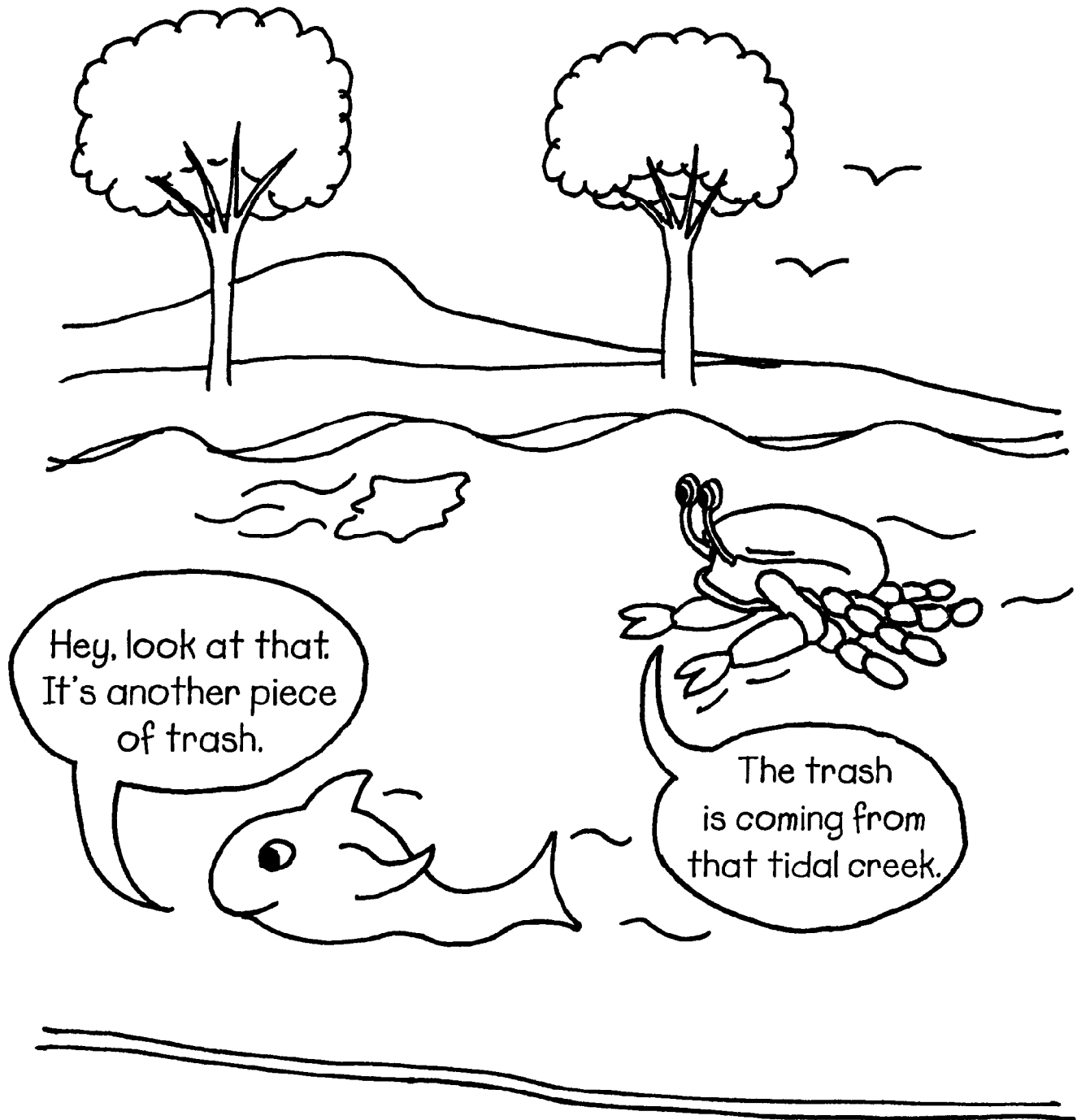




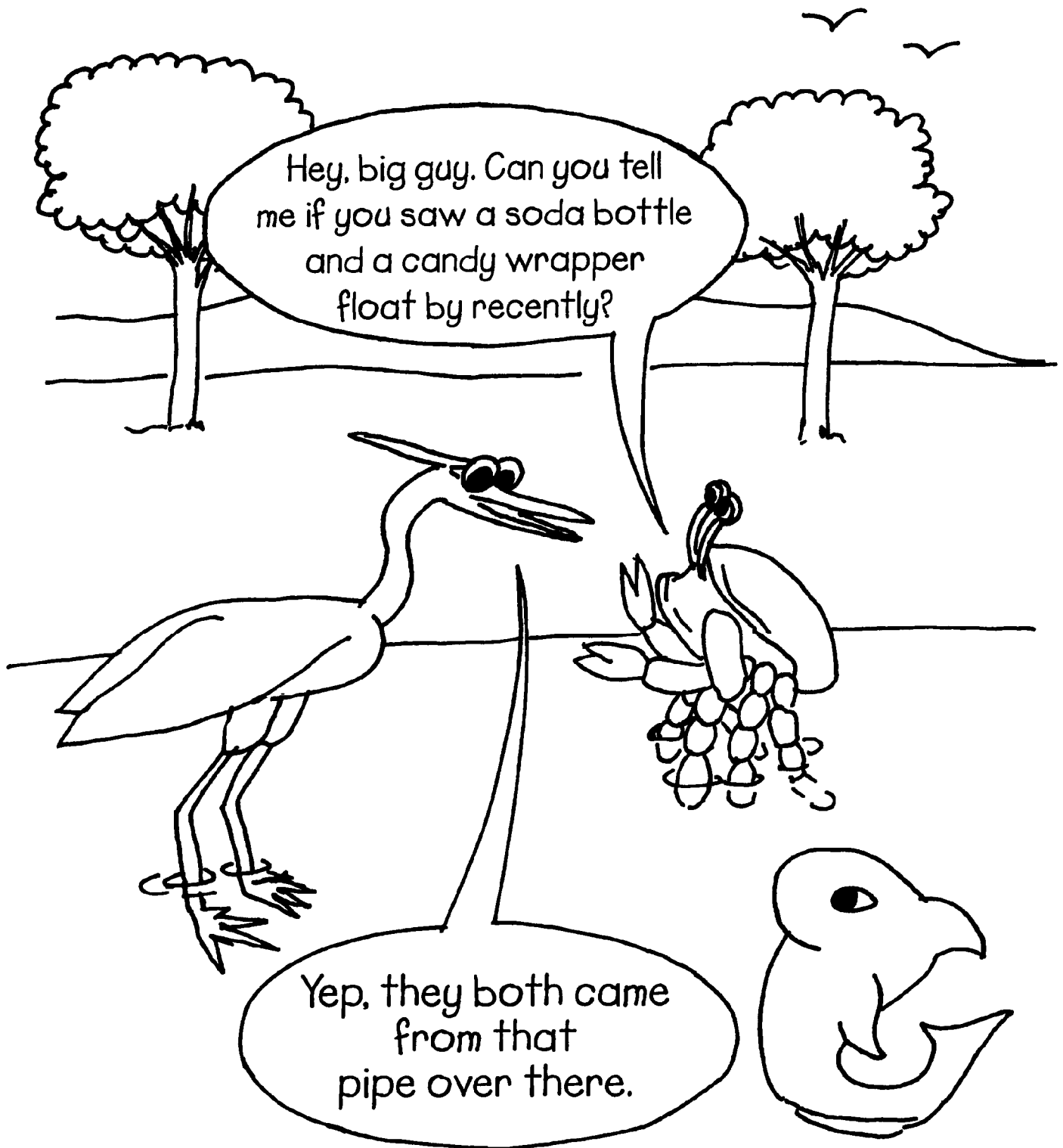
Curtis and Fred traveled to the beach. There they saw a sandpiper running along the crashing waves.



Curtis and Fred went up the river  
where they saw a candy wrapper float by.



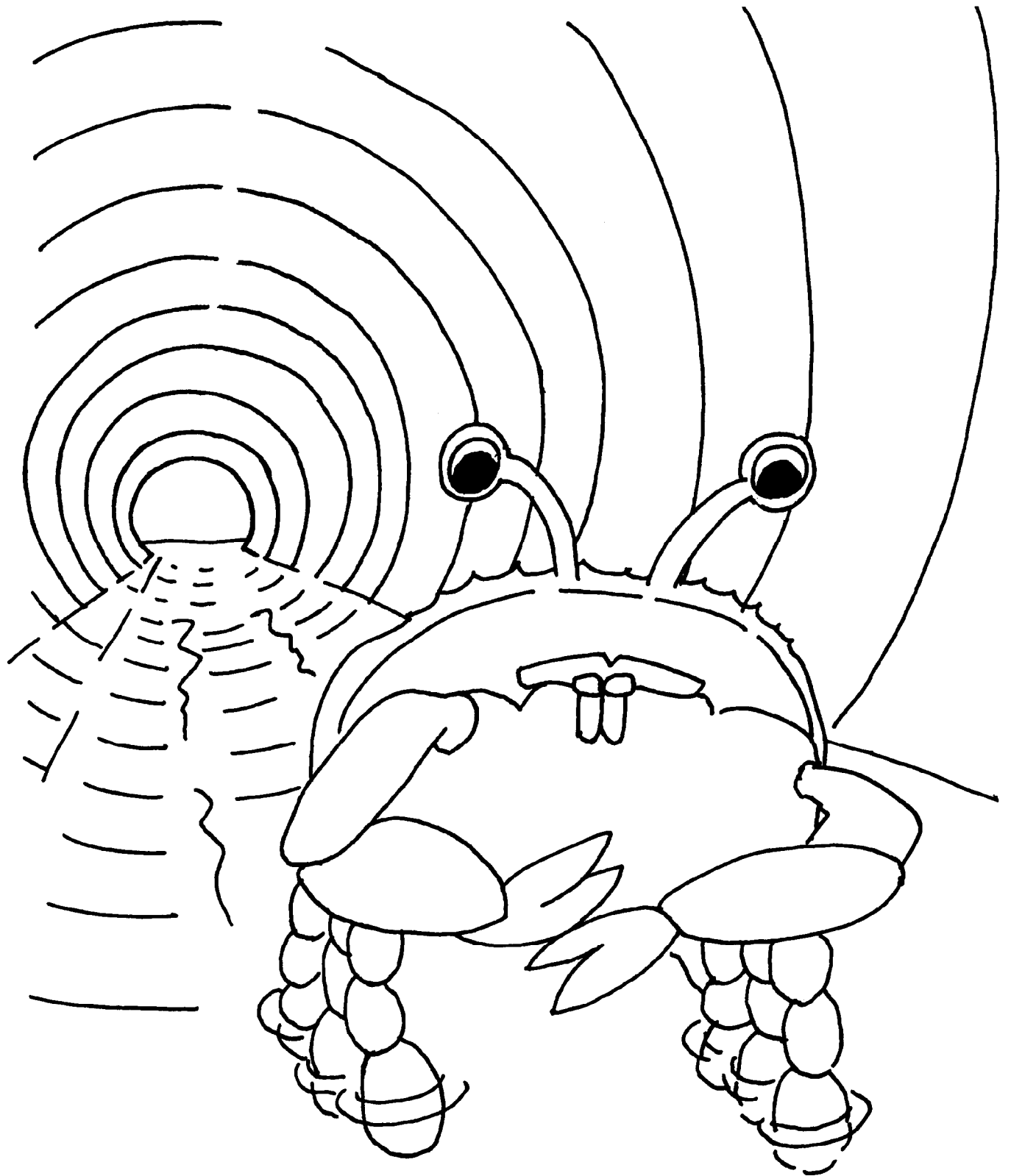
Curtis and Fred traveled up the tidal creek until they came to a heron standing in the pluff mud.



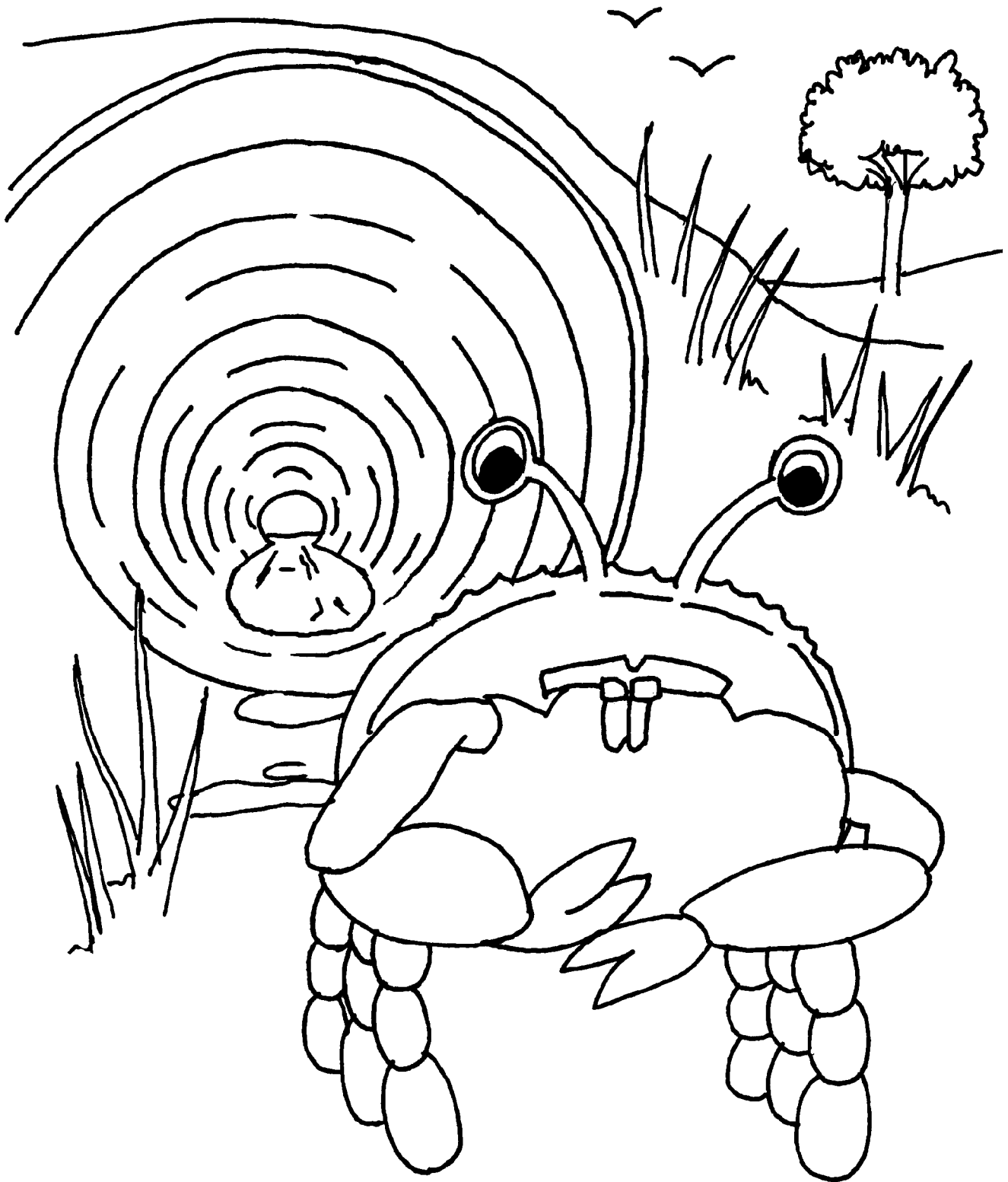


Curtis and Fred went over to a big storm drain  
that flows into the marsh.

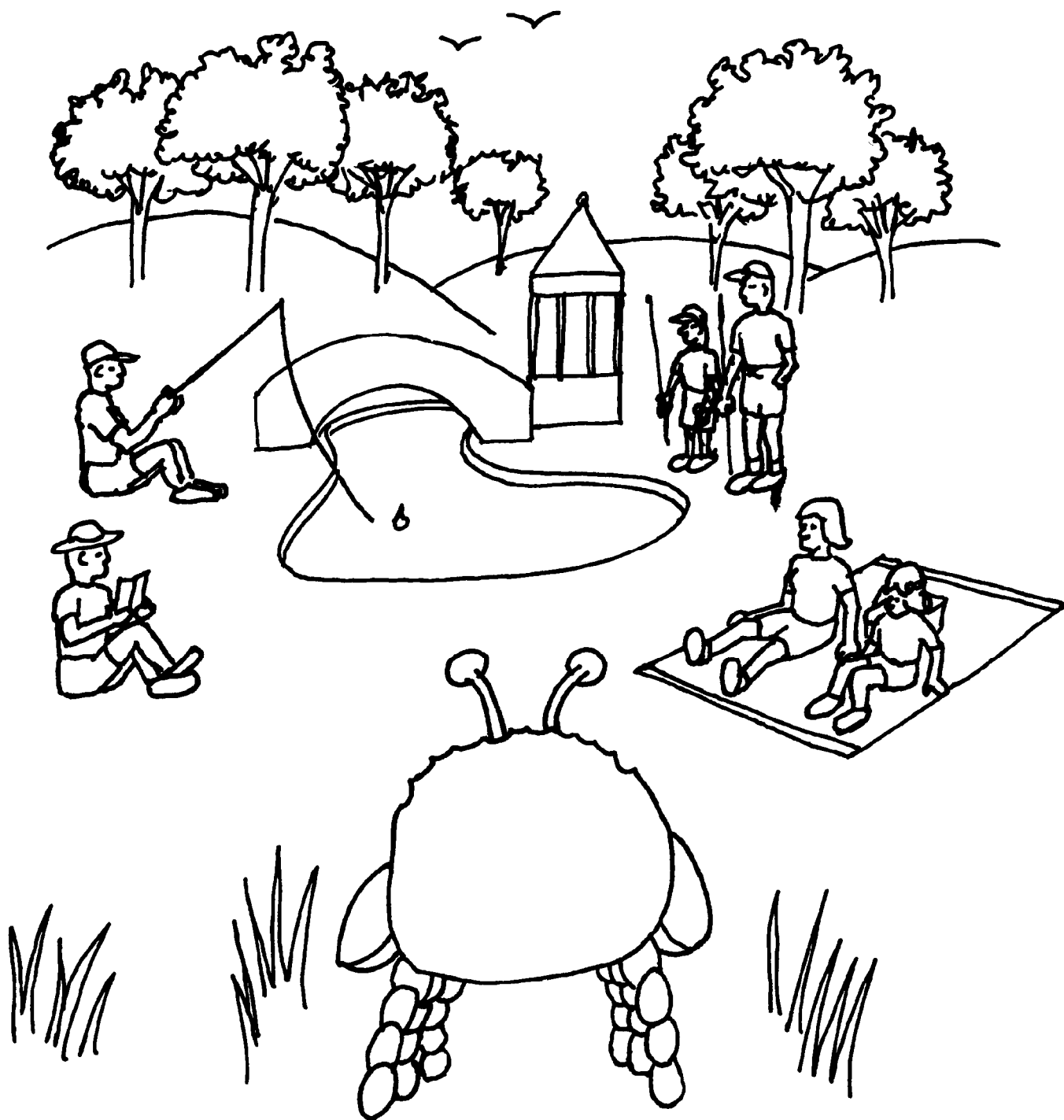




Curtis climbed into the storm drain.



Curtis crawled out of the storm drain.



He saw that he was in a park where people were sitting on blankets enjoying a sunny day.

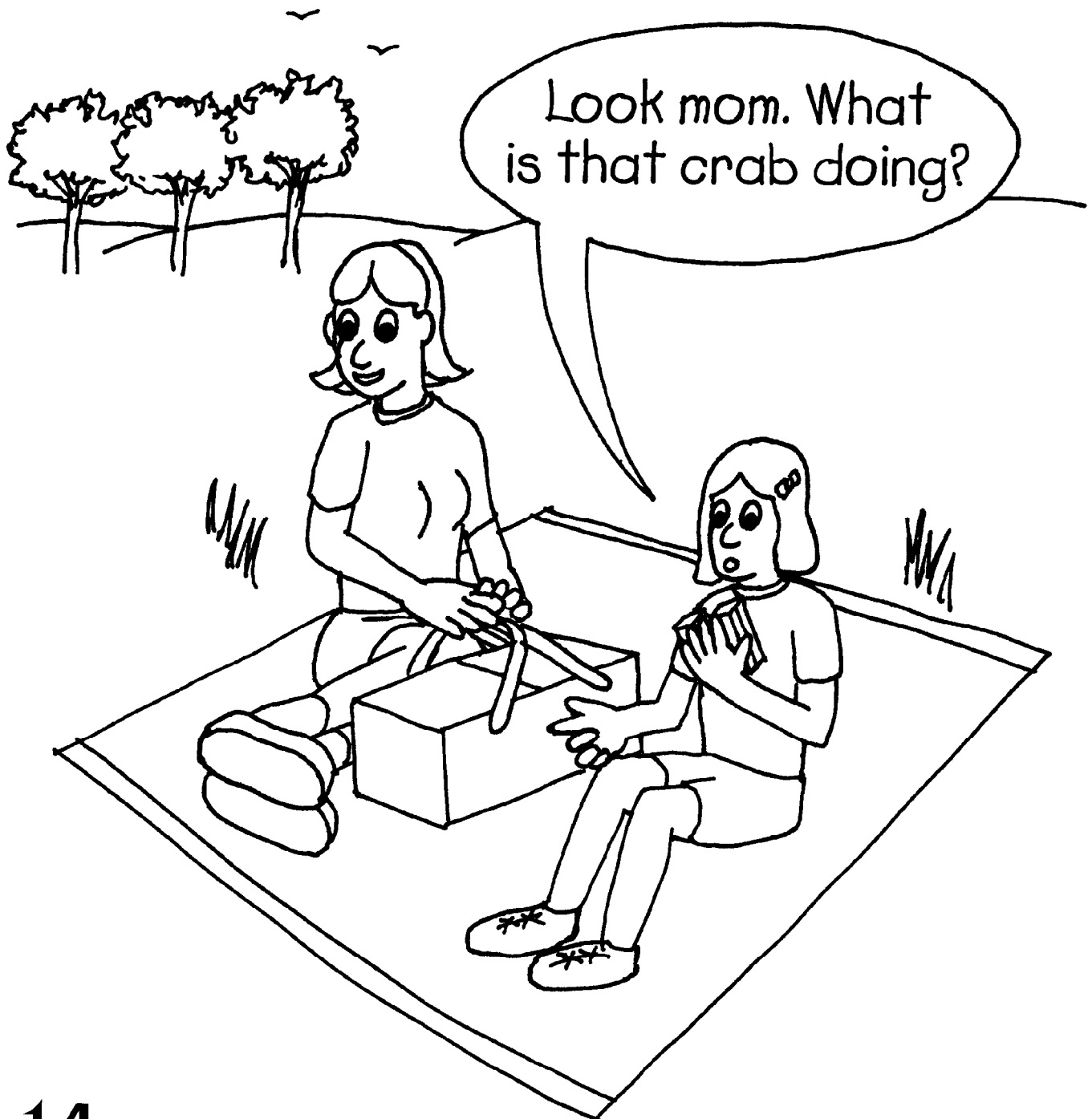


There he saw the wind blowing other  
candy wrappers into the storm drain.

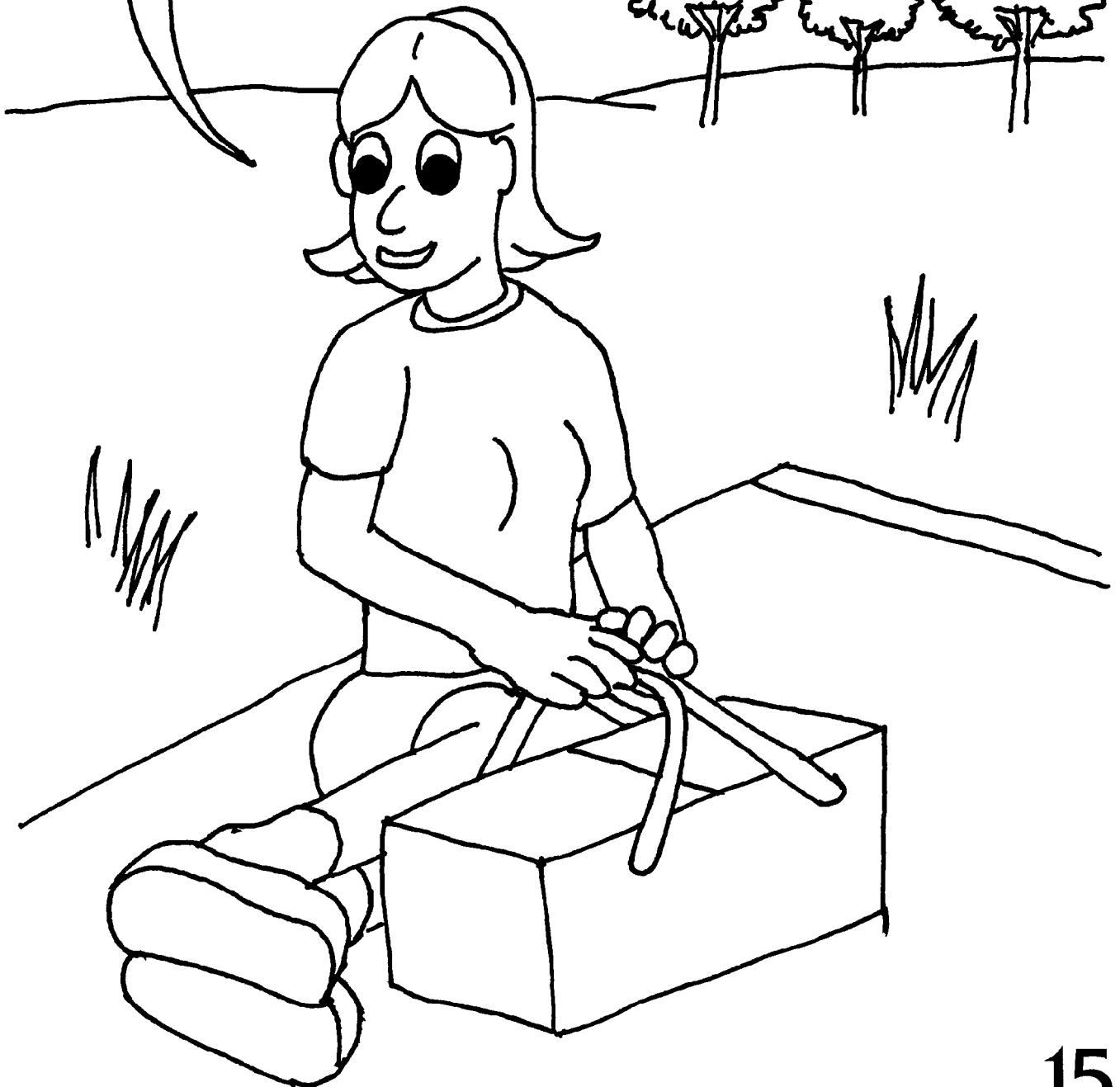


Curtis grabbed a soda bottle  
in his claw and flung it over his head  
into a nearby trash can.

A little girl sitting on a nearby blanket eating a sandwich saw Curtis and pointed him out to her mother.



I think he is trying to put the trash  
into a trash can so that it doesn't  
blow into the marsh and later  
end up in the ocean.





The little girl got up from the blanket and walked over to Curtis.



She then began to walk around the park and pick up scraps of paper. When the other people in the park saw what she was doing, they also helped. Before long, the entire park was clean.

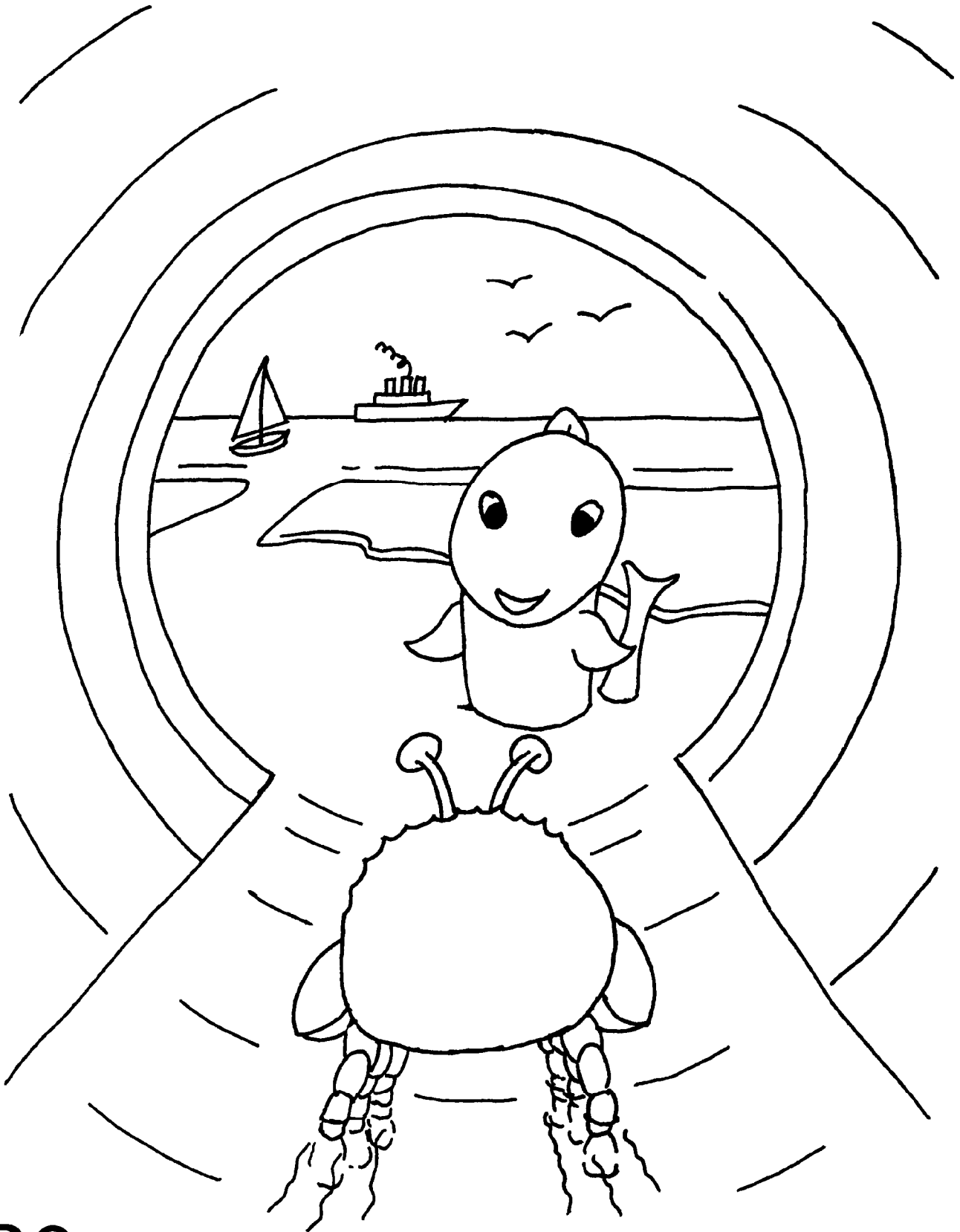


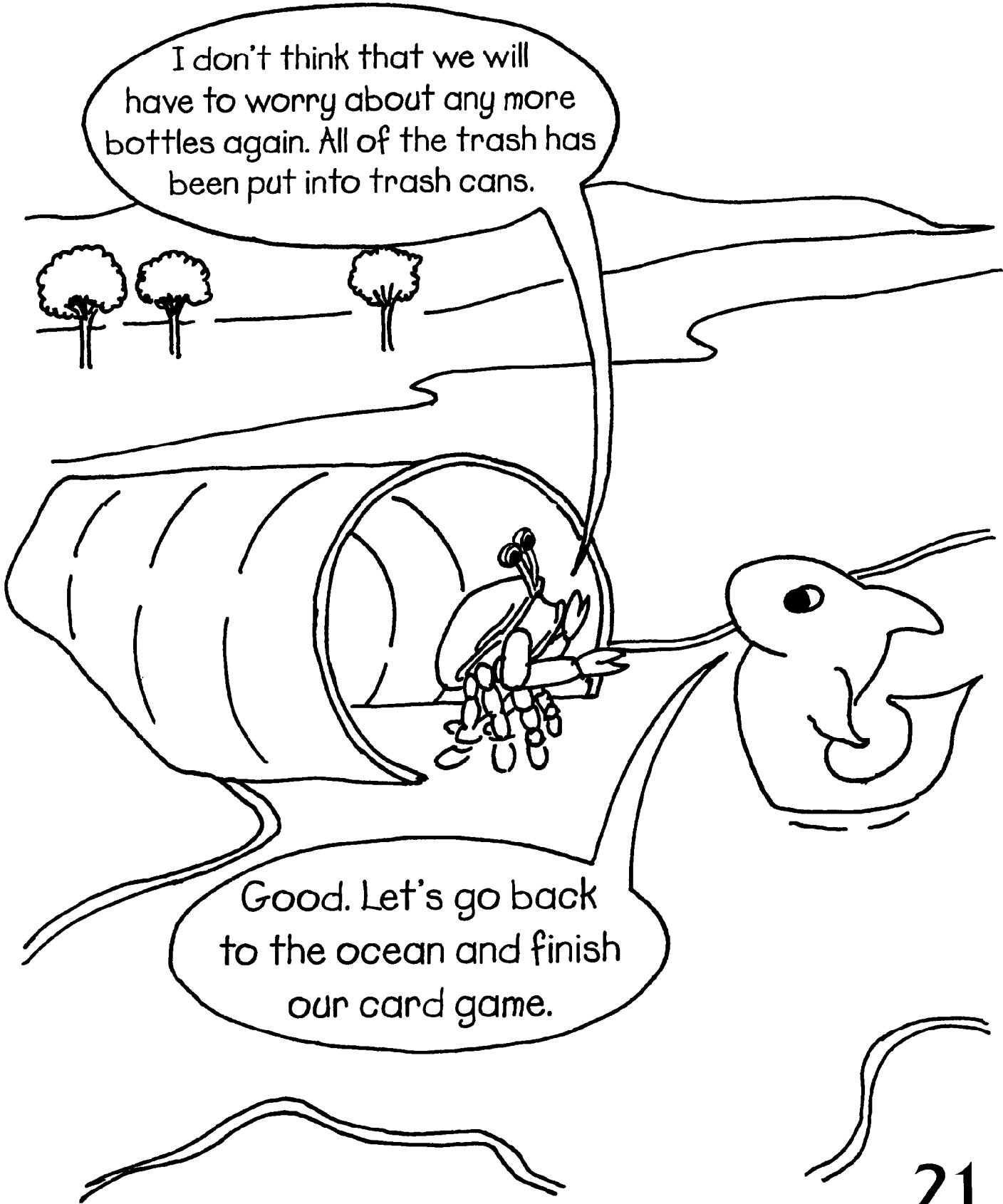




Curtis slipped back  
into the storm drain.

And found a waiting Fred.

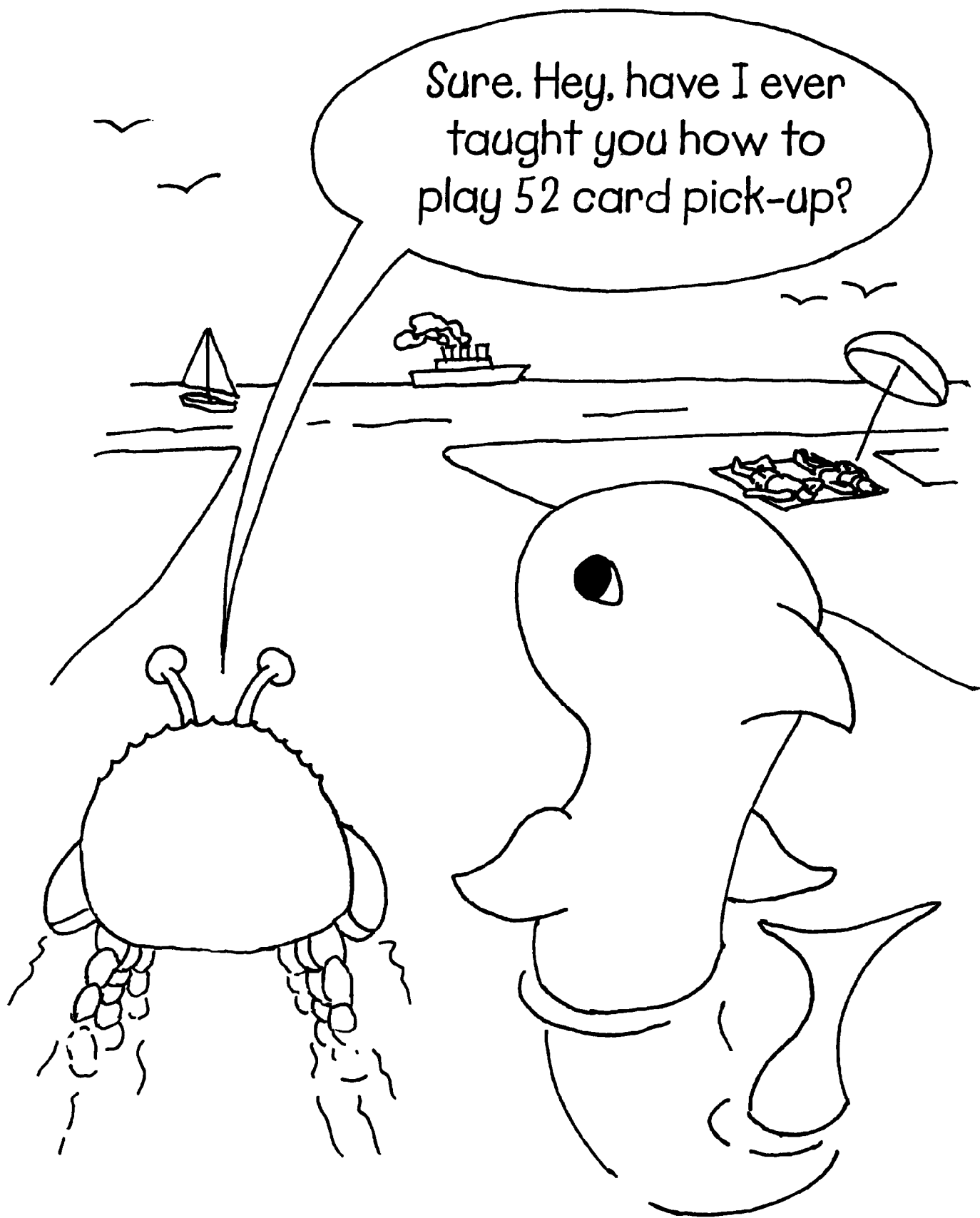


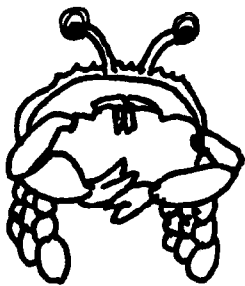


I don't think that we will  
have to worry about any more  
bottles again. All of the trash has  
been put into trash cans.

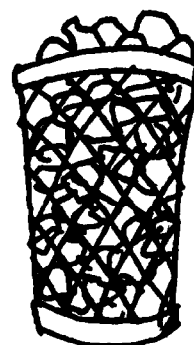
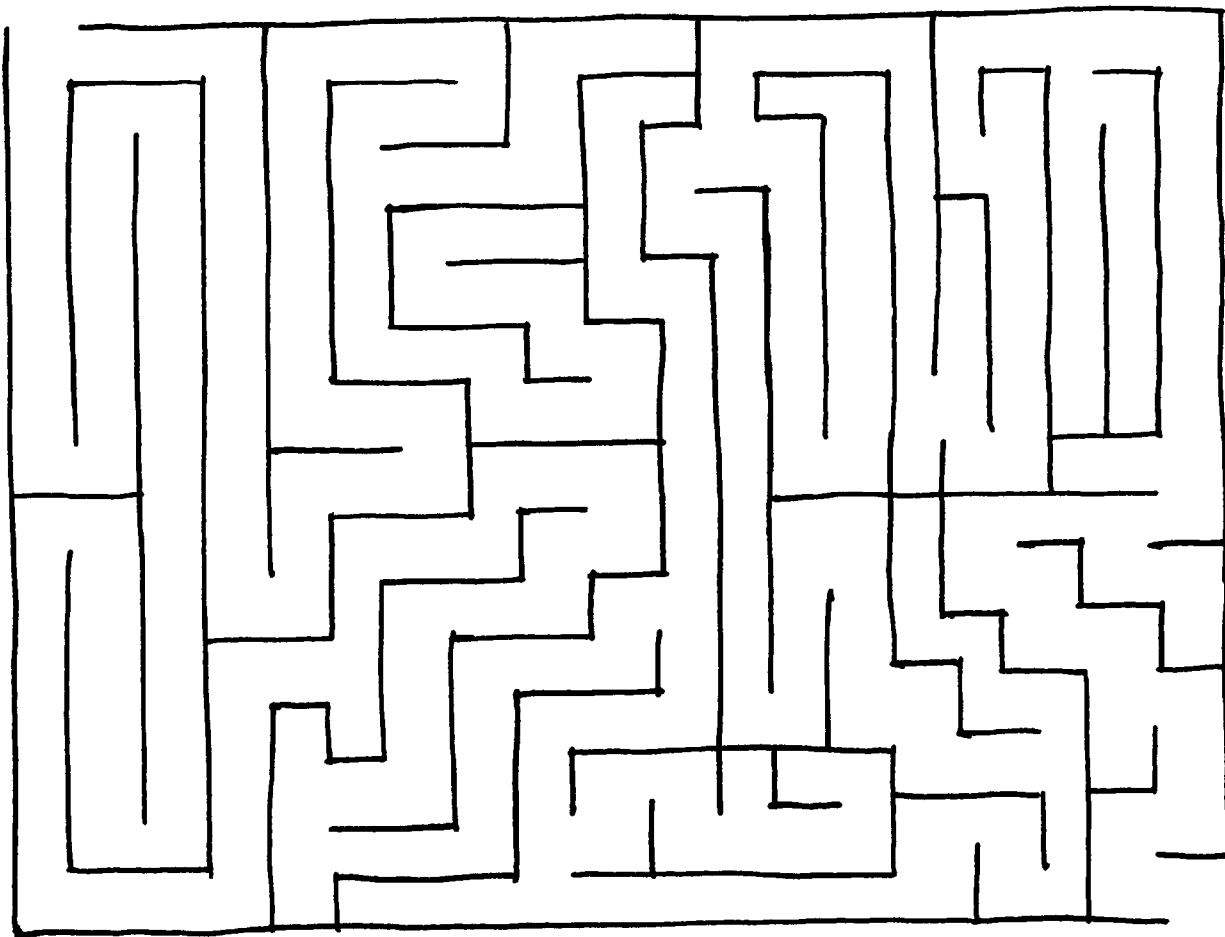
The illustration shows a bird with a long beak and a single eye looking into a large, cylindrical trash can. Inside the can, there is a pile of crumpled paper and several small, round objects. The bird is standing on a path that leads towards a body of water in the background. There are three trees on the left side of the path and three birds flying in the sky. The entire scene is drawn in a simple, cartoonish style.

Good. Let's go back  
to the ocean and finish  
our card game.





Help Curtis put the  
bottle in the trash can.





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